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REMARKS to Air Force, Washington

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1. The following aircraft were parked at the Dessau (M 52/E 06) airfield on 25 March 1950: 30 swept-back wing jet fighters, 20 jet fighters with air exhaust aft of mid-fuselage, 48 single-seat fighters with radial engine, and two biplanes. The swept-back wing jet fighters had red shutter flaps on the air intake and air exhaust; these were removed just before take-off. (1) and (2)
2. Training flights with eleven jet fighters with swept-back wings were made in a cloudless sky between 2 and 5:30 p.m. The planes took off in elements of two, one after the other, and made 10 to 15-minute flights. The pilots wore breeches, boots, and furlined leather **jackets with fur collars**.

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4. Four swept-back wing jet aircraft with red air intake and between 30 to 40 single-engine conventional fighters were seen from a train passing the field at 4 p.m. on 5 April 1950. (3) There was no flying in a 100-meter base of cloud and an overcast sky. (1) and (4)

25X1X 25X1A (1) **Comment:** again confirm the occupation of Dessau airfield by LA-9s and type-14 jet planes.

25X1A (2) **Comment:** The presence of 20 type-16 jet planes has not been confirmed by other sources and is doubted. This large number of type 16 planes is not shown on annex.

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- (3) Comment: [REDACTED] indicate that these type-14 jet fighters, in contrast to the same type planes stationed in Finow, have rudder assemblies with vertical fins that do not protrude beyond the tail. This was also observed at the Grossenhain airfield. It is concluded from these observations that two different types of swept-back wing jet planes are stationed at airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany.
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- (4) Comment: Two fighter regiments of the 1 Gds Ftr Corps have been assumed to be stationed in Dessau. According to [REDACTED] preceding months it seems that not more than one fighter regiment is stationed there, and it is now assumed that there is only one regiment at the field.
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1 Annex: 2 photographs, sent to Department of the Air Force.

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